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SUBJECT: DANISH REACTION TO NORWEGIAN OIL SPILL, EKOFISK FIELD,  
NORTH SEA

1. THE RECENT OIL SPILL IN THE NORWEGIAN EKOFISK FIELD IN THE  
NORTH SEA HAS CAUSED GRAVE CONCERN IN DENMARK, ESPECIALLY ABOUT  
THE EFFECTS ON THE COASTAL AND SEABED ENVIRONMENTS.

2. RECENT TESTS HAVE SHOWN THAT MATERIALS DUMPED INTO THE SEA  
FROM THE EKOFISK AREA MAY REACH THE DANISH COAST IN ABOUT THREE  
WEEKS. UNDER PRESENT CHANGING WEATHER CONDITIONS, HOWEVER,  
THE TIMING IS UNCERTAIN. THE DANISH ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY IS  
PREPARED TO DISPERSE THE OIL, SHOULD IT PRESENT A REAL THREAT  
TO THE DANISH ENVIRONMENT, AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS SET UP A  
GROUP OF EXPERTS TO EVALUATE THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES TO  
DANISH FISHING IN CASE DISPERSION IS REQUIRED. ENVIRON-  
MENTALISTS ARE CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE LONG TERM EFFECTS OF  
CHEMICAL DISPERSION ON FISH STOCKS.

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4. THE NORWEGIAN ACCIDENT HAS UNDERLINED THE FACT  
THAT DENMARK, AS WELL AS NORWAY, IS NOT IN A  
POSITION TO MEET AND COPE ALONE WITH ACCIDENTS OF  
THIS NATURE. THE DANISH MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL  
AFFAIRS HAS DISCUSSED THIS WITH HIS NORWEGIAN  
COLLEAGUE, AND IT IS THEIR ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO

CALL A MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE WITH NORTH SEA  
ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTERS TO DISCUSS THE CONSEQUENCES  
OF THE PRESENT ACCIDENT AND HOW THE RESPECTIVE  
NORTH SEA GOVERNMENTS CAN COOPERATE TO COPE WITH  
POSSIBLE FUTURE ACCIDENTS OF THIS NATURE. RE-  
PORTEDLY, NO DATE HAS YET BEEN SET FOR SUCH CONFERENCE.  
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